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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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JOURNALS ON HAND

DEAR EDITOR: I have bound volumes of the JOURNAL for 1906, 1907 and 1908, all in good condition, and I should like to sell them.

M. E. WEAVERLING.

3639 Wilton Avenue, Chicago.

"INFANTS' NORMAL STOOLS"

DEAR EDITOR: I want the readers of the JOURNAL to know that the material for the article "Infants' Normal Stools as Affected by Diet" was obtained from experience during a post-graduate course on the Boston Floating Hospital, and not from my own training school, as might be inferred by the casual reader.

Massachusetts.

FRANCES A. MYLES, R.N.

NURSES ON PARADE

DEAR EDITOR: Throughout the week beginning September 15, Cleveland observed the Perry Centennial. Although thousands of people visited the Niagara and although the hero of Lake Erie was much in men's minds, the dominant note of the celebration was not commemoration of the victory over Great Britain, but joy over one hundred years of peace with that great nation and of earnest congratulation that, without armed forces or fortifications, we had lived on such pleasant and amicable terms with our neighbor just over the border.

It was very fitting that in celebrating one hundred years of peace and prosperity, the sixth city should have paraded all its various phases of civic growth and government. To many of us, the parade would have been strangely lacking had there been no representation of the Visiting Nurse Association. Its participation in every movement for the public good of Cleveland is well known. It has long been considered a model for others struggling to put young organizations on a sound basis. All along the line of march, the seven machines filled with nurses were greeted with cordial recognition and welcome. Read what Miss Swainhardt writes: "Public Health Nurses were recognized, it seemed, by all nationalities, from all stations of life, throughout the entire march. The men from the factories beamed, the school children, the expectant mothers, and in the more aristocratic portion they were applauded vigorously by their board members. It was surely a democratic thing to do and a reassuring thing. I believe that, as never before, the people for whom we care in home, factory or school, realized that we were really a part of their lives and existed to serve them."

The banners with their slogans made one very thoughtful. They stood for much earnest effort and hard work in the years that have gone. They reminded one of the wonderful opportunities which have come to nurses to render helpful service. To the nurse with ideals, the plain black letters on white ground stood

out more resplendent than the gold and green and red of the ancient missal. Read the simple words and thrill with a realization of all the work back of them and the responsibility and opportunity which lies in the future.

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES
IN CLEVELAND.

SAVE THE BABIES
FOR FUTURE CITIZENS

42,000 cared for this year.

Babies' Dispensary and Hospital in coöperation
with the Bureau of Child Hygiene.

The Health Department of Cleveland
Employs 21 Nurses to fight Tuberculosis.
No case of Tuberculosis uncared for in Cleveland.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Employs Nurses in the Control of
CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

"PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE."

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

21 School Nurses
School Health—Efficient Work.

FACTORY WELFARE
HEALTH IN THE FACTORY
More Sanitary Working Conditions.

THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION
Supported by Voluntary Contributions.

HEALTH IN THE HOME

It was an opportune time to bring to public notice the activities of the nurses, for it came on the eve of the departure of Matilda L. Johnson for a year's leave of absence and study at the Chicago School of Civics. Cleveland has been very fortunate in its superintendent of the Visiting Nurse Association. Her faithful service, hard work, unbounded enthusiasm, and hopefulness have carried that organization a long way. As Cleveland nurses owe Miss Johnson a great debt, so do the nurses of the Ohio State Association. They do not know how to spare her, she goes with their best wishes for a happy, profitable year, and a cordial welcome awaits her when she returns to Ohio.

Ohio.

MARY E. GLADWIN.

AS OTHERS SEE US

DEAR EDITOR: I have just seen your August issue, my introduction to the periodicals of your profession. It contains many things interesting to a layman, the Ohio floods, "Birchbark Bill," some typhoid notes, etc. The note on psychic influence on infants' nutrition applies to adults as well as to infants. I have all my life been sensitive to such influences, and now, after a year's experience here